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Applicants

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Attachment Of Absorbable Tissue Scaffolds To Scaffold Fixation Devices

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003 for one (1) month(s) from August 30, 2003 to September 30, 2003. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ETH1536/WKW in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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